California Cultural Districts – Fact Sheet Template

General Information

Name of District: **San Pedro Waterfront Arts, Cultural & Entertainment District**

Location of District (City): **San Pedro**

Location of District (County): **LA County**

Region of District: **LA County/CD 15**

District Website (optional/if applicable): **www.sanpedrowaterfrontartsdistrict.com**

Lead Partner Organization: **San Pedro Waterfront Arts District**

List of All Partners (including lead partner): **Office of Council Office 15 – Joe Busciano, San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Angels Gate Cultural Center and the Grand Vision Foundation.**

Details

District Blurb – Short: We are nestled between a gritty industrial port complex and the stunning natural beauty of the Pacific Ocean. The peninsula geography creates an end-of-the-world feeling and our very close-knit community is comprised of a variety of ethnic influences. We are proud of our small town atmosphere, while belonging to the nation's second largest city. San Pedro is about to experience an energized wave of development, due to the rise of the San Pedro Public Market; a development-friendly Councilman and the planned construction of over 492 rental housing units in the downtown core.

District Blurb - Long: The historic core of downtown San Pedro has been renting to artists since 1944, with studios in storefronts and warehouses, as seen on the cultural district map. There are also many commercial buildings housing many studios, organizations and work/live options in the district.

Our partner, Angels Gate Cultural Center offers studios in former army barracks for more than over 50 artists of all disciplines. CRAFTED at the Port of Los Angeles, a permanent weekend market with handmade apparel, home decor & food goods, houses a plethora of artists with space and marketing to sell their artwork. Each of these non-traditional spaces offers regular arts events, with monthly art openings and classes in settings all over the district. There are still many vacant spaces in the district open to new artists and organizations, providing more opportunities to grow our arts culture. Recently Meta Housing built the 49 unit Pac Arts loft apartments as low-income artist residences, replete with studio spaces and meeting rooms.

Many new opportunities are on the horizon. The shuttered Los Angeles County Courthouse, occupying a key corner in downtown San Pedro, is being considered for a satellite gallery for Los Angeles County Museum of Art. For 20 years, the community has participated in a First Thursday ArtWalk, one of the first in our region. Thousands of local residents show up every First Thursday to celebrate the visual arts, socialize and patronize participating restaurants. Building on the success of the FirstThursday

ArtWalk, we are collaborating with the San Pedro Business Improvement District to launch a Third Saturday ArtWalk to attract out of area art buyers.

List of key cultural/arts spaces, places, attractions:

CULTURAL ASSETS:

- Angels Gate Cultural Center
- AltaSea at the Port of Los Angeles
- Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
- Crafted
- San Pedro City Ballet
- LA Maritime Museum
- USS Battleship Iowa
- SS Lane Victory
- Los Angeles Maritime Institute's Tall Ships
- Pt. Fermin Lighthouse
- Warner Grand Theatre
- Grand Annex Theatre
- Little Fish Theatre
- TE San Pedro Repertory Theatre
- Cabrillo Beach Bath House
- Museum of the American Cocktail
- Mueller House Museum
- Golden State Pops Orchestra

ARTISTS AND GALLERIES:

- Cornelius Projects - 1417 Pacific Ave.
- 3 Sheets Art Space - 807 Pacific Ave.
- Gallery 741 - 741 Pacific Ave.
- Gallery Azul - 741 Pacific Ave.
- The Space on Pacific- 624 Pacific Ave.
- Croatian Cultural Center – 510 7th St.
- Gallery 478 – 478 7th St.
- SP Chamber of Commerce Board Room Gallery – 390 7th St.
- Hiroko Bronze, Stone & Ceramics – 382 7th St.
- NEWS PILOT ART SPACES – 7th Street
  Guillaume Zuili Photography – # 378
  Julia Strickler Paintings – #376
  Cherry Wood Studio/Gallery -# 374
  James Porschen Photography - #372
  Fabian Rodriguez Mixed Media – #370
  Linlin Hu Painting - Acrylic- #368
- Menduina Schneider Art Gallery - 366 7th St.
- Paul Turang - 364 7th St.
- Jim Harter - 362 7th St.
- Nancy Crawford - 360 7th St.
- Sirens Java & Tea - 356 7th St.
- Michael Stearns Studio - 347 7th St.
- Gloria Lee & Pat Woolley Studio - 345 7th St.
- Studio 343 J.J.Geary - 343 7th St.
- huZ Galleries - 341 7th St.
- Annie Appel Photography - 381 6th St.
- Mike Rivero Painting Studio - 414 6th St.
- Angels Gate Pop-Up gallery - 415 6th St.
- Marymount California University Klaus Center for the Arts - 430 6th St.
- Yong Sin Painting Studio - 443 6th St.
- Parkhurst Galleries - 439 6th St.
- Machine Studio - 446 6th St.
- fINdings Art Center - 470 6th St.
- 4TH AND MESA STREET - THE LOFT BUILDING
  Loft 2 Studios & Gallery
  Loft 3 Studios
  The Loft Gallery
- National Watercolor Society – 915 Pacific
- Julie Bender Studio – 356 7th

List of key <u>existing</u> regular or annual arts or culture activities: Bullet point list of existing "evergreen" activities, i.e. monthly art walk, annual festival, weekly farmers market, etc.

- FirstThursday ArtWalk – celebrating it's 20 year Anniversary in November 2017
- Chamber of Commerce Friday Farmer's Market
- Cars and Stripes
- LA Fleet Week
- Angels Gate Cultural Center Open Studios (2x a year)
- Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's Grunion Run
- CD15 Shred Fest – skateboard event

- Grand Vision Foundation's Gathering for the Grand
- Lobster Festival
- AltaSea Flotilla
- Tall Ships Festival
- CMA Sustainable Seafood Expo
- Dia de Los Muertos
- Third Saturday ArtWalk Experiment
- Cabrillo Beach Boosters Fourth of July Fireworks
- PV Land Conservancy Home Tour
- Red Bull Rallycross at the Port of LA
- Happy Harbor Halloween and Pet Parade
- LA Harbor Holiday Afloat Parade
- Spirit of San Pedro Holiday Parade

Just for fun!: List three adjectives that best describe the identity of your district:

- Industrial
- Gritty
- Real